

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 16-6(b) of Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

16-6.

(b) Each board, in the preparation of ballots, shall follow the order designated by the Secretary of State and shall always place the proposed constitutional amendments and the other state-wide referenda, if any, in numerical order as indicated. Constitutional amendments shall be placed first on the ballots, to be followed by statewide questions, statewide referenda and by local questions or referenda in that order. LOCAL QUESTIONS OR REFERENDA SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY SUCCESSIVE LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET, RATHER THAN NUMERICALLY. The county council, county commissioners or the treasurer of the City of Baltimore shall designate the [numerical] ALPHABETICAL order of local questions or referenda.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

Approved April 30, 1974.

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CHAPTER 329

(Senate Bill 406)

AN ACT concerning

Patuxent Institution - Mentally Disordered Prisoners

FOR the purpose of adding the Patuxent Institution to those institutions which may apply for involuntary admission of persons in their custody to facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 59 - Mental Hygiene

Section 16

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1972 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)